

November 14, 2018 Comment to FCC regarding Proposed Rule Changes 05-311

Dear Sirs,

Please consider this document in support of Public, Educational and Government access in our communities and deny the proposed rule changes set forth by the cable providers across the county.

Cape Cod Community Media Center has provided the communities of Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich and Chatham, Massachusetts an open forum for expression, a conduit for free speech and a vehicle to promote democracy for over 29 years.

The Media Center fosters open access to information and communication technologies for the distribution of free ideas, community development and personal empowerment.

These following core values guide the Media Center in its work:

### **Accessibility and Inclusion**

We are dedicated to providing low-cost access to content creation resources and the knowledge to use them without discrimination and with respect for each individual.

### **Creative Expression and Intellectual Freedom**

We promote the artistic and expressive use of communication technologies within a freespeech environment without editorial control.

# **Community Building through Collaboration**

We ground our work in strong collaborations with local community-based organizations, municipal departments and educational entities. We leverage our organizational resources to build capacity for others and give voice to those with no voice.

# **Diversity in All Its Forms**

We respect our diverse, multicultural, and dynamic population and are dedicated to meeting its many community communication and information needs.

# **Innovation in the Field of Community Communications**

We seek to be an innovator in the field of community communications as demonstrated by our programmatic activities, technology implementation, production methods and overall excellence.

These core values guide our mission and by adopting the proposed rule changes, the impact on our funding through lose or diminishment of franchise fees would be devastating.

Please keep the cable providers from destroying the incredibly important work of PEG channels and facilities across our country and support every effort to keep this important work alive.

Sincerely,

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